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**GOV. EASLEY SELECTS IREDELL COUNTY TEACHER TO RECEIVE \$1,000 IN TEACHER
WORKING CONDITIONS SURVEY DRAWING**
Urges All Educators to Complete Survey Before April 21

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley selected the name of Nancy Ashburn, a teacher at West Iredell High School in Statesville, to receive a \$1,000 prize in a random drawing for teachers who completed the 2008 Teacher Working Conditions Survey. All teachers and administrators from schools in which 100 percent of faculty submitted the survey were eligible for the prize in the fourth of five weekly drawings. Eastern Middle School in Guilford County was also randomly selected to receive a cash prize of \$1,000 to improve teacher working conditions.

"More than 93,000 educators have already participated in the 2008 Teacher Working Conditions Survey," Easley said. "I would like to thank each and every one of them for telling us what they need to succeed in their classrooms, and I strongly urge the rest of the state's teachers and administrators to visit www.ncteachingconditions.org and do the same. Good teacher working conditions are good student learning conditions."

Since the statewide effort began on March 17, 93,600 of the approximately 121,000 North Carolina-licensed educators have completed the 2008 Teacher Working Conditions Survey. Educators may complete the survey online until April 21. So far, 1,012 schools have had a 100 percent response rate on the survey. In the final drawings to be held next week, one of those schools will win a \$2,500 grant to improve teacher working conditions, while an individual teacher or administrator will receive a \$2,500 plasma TV from AT&T. All prizes were donated by the North Carolina Business Committee for Education and its corporations to encourage educators to complete the online survey.

The Teacher Working Conditions Survey, first administered in 2002, gathers the views of the state's teaching professionals to help shape education policy, strengthen classroom working conditions and enhance the learning environment for students. North Carolina was the first state in the nation to implement a teacher working conditions survey. Since 2002, more than 20 other states have followed in developing similar assessments and the national magazine *Education Week* has named the survey an indicator of quality on its state education report cards. For more information, visit www.ncteachingconditions.org.

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